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In re Patent Application of

Masamichi FUJIWARA et al

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For: MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS BASED ON

FLATTENING OF OPTICAL SPECTRUM

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

This is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. Entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment prior to consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS		HIGHEST NO								
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AMENDMENT			PAID FOR	E	EXTRA PRESE	NT	RATE	ATE FEE		
<u>TOTAL</u>	153	MINUS	49	* =	104	X	(\$9 SE or \$18)	\$1872.00	_	
INDEP.	7	MINUS	7	** =	0	X	(\$42 SE or \$84)	\$	_	
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^{*} not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

Claims:

Please amend claims 34, 41 and 48 and add new claims 50-153 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

 $\sqrt{}$ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.